



Wooddale Church **Annual Report 2016**

Making Christ Known



Making Christ Known 2016

2016 PRAYER

Pray that we will live to make Christ known.

2016 VERSES

I have been crucified in Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

2016 MISSION

To honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ

2016 VISION

To impart the hope of the Gospel to 700,000 people here, near and far by 2022 and provide a clear pathway toward spiritual maturity



2016 OBJECTIVES:

1. Develop and execute the "**Best 70 Minutes of Your Week**" worship experience
2. Launch **#WeAreFor** to demonstrate the love of Christ in our communities
3. Launch the **Loring Park Campus @ The Music Box Theatre** and plan for campus #4
4. Develop **150 Leaders**, train **1,000 church planters** and plant **750 churches** in Asia through The Timothy Initiative
5. Develop and align ministries to the **Pathway Toward Spiritual Maturity**
6. Complete **Vision '22** Children, Student and Café building renovations on time and on budget
7. Build a team to explore the feasibility of a **consolidated budget**

A Note from Pastor Dale

We celebrate what God has done in 2016 and we trust He will continue to use Wooddale Church to make Christ known in communities around the world! You will see on these pages the evidence of God at work, accomplishing His mission and our vision.

His mission for us remains the same: to honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ.

Our vision has not changed: to impart the hope of the Gospel to 700,000 people here, near and far.

Throughout 2016, I have been very aware that the Holy Spirit is working powerfully in our worship services at all of our campuses, where people's lives are being transformed by His Grace. In our worship and through our global efforts, we believe we have shared the hope of the Gospel with 115,823 people here, near and far.

As we look forward to 2017, I believe

God is going to continue to manifest His Presence in powerful ways as we **worship Him passionately, attend faithfully, give generously and serve humbly.** I also believe that the most impactful way to see God dramatically at work is through authentic discipleship.

We want to be a church that lives out Matthew 4:19-20: *Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" And they left their nets at once and followed him.*

Marcia and I want to thank all of you for your prayers, encouragement and faithfulness to Jesus Christ. We are blessed to lead and serve with you.

Pastor Dale



OBJECTIVE 1

Develop and execute the "Best 70 Minutes of Your Week" worship experience

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Number of worship services 414

Average weekend attendance 3,359

Easter weekend attendance 7,835

Christmas weekend attendance 8,416

New Guests welcomed 2,562

Compassion Giving \$205,628 Total Compassion Offerings
\$196,984 Christmas Eve Offering

We enter into an attitude of worship through praise, giving, communion, prayer, teaching and welcoming others every week at Wooddale Church.



Part of our worship experience is a monthly compassion offering. Your amazing acts of worship through generous giving allow us to help so many who find themselves in need financially. In one case, Wooddale made Christ known to a member who needed help with rent until finding full and part-time employment. She said, "I don't know what I would have done without the courageous and loving help of my Wooddale family. It was truly an extension of God's love to me and my family."

"As for me, this is My covenant with them," says the Lord. "My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and My words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever," says the Lord.

Isaiah 59:21

2016 Sermon Series



OBJECTIVE 2

Launch
#WeAreFor

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This is not just something we say. This is what we do. This is a love mission: telling our community there is a God who is for them and showing them that #WeAreFor them.

#WEAREFOR



**Sheridan Story
Packing Event**

492 volunteers
served



Jen, the bucket list winner from our *One Month to Live* sermon series, has completed all the steps to become a foster parent. With the help of many friends, family and Wooddale support, Jen welcomed "Little Buddy" into her home and is loving being his foster momma.

Spring & Fall Food Drive

41,694 pounds of food collected



REFOR

The PTO president at the Dual Language School in Richfield attends Wooddale and heard about #WeAreFor and our partnership with The Sheridan Story. Recently the PTO noticed a trend that many students are facing weekend hunger. They responded to this need by raising funds to help support these kids, but had only come up with enough funding to support half the kids in need. The PTO president reached out to our Edina Campus, and

together, each Friday morning the PTO and volunteers from Wooddale are in the school placing food in backpacks and praying for the students who are receiving the meals. Not only are we able to provide a basic need, we also have the opportunity to talk with school leadership about other needs in their community. #WeAreFor serving families, being present in the community and taking the opportunity to make Christ known to families in need.

Serving Day

DECEMBER 1 & 3
253 volunteers served our community



OBJECTIVE 3

Loring Park
Campus launch

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This year, Christ has been made known and many lives have been transformed as God worked through our Loring Park Campus which launched in March 2016.

Anthony watched from a restaurant across Nicollet Avenue while our core team prepared The Music Box Theatre for our launch. He decided it was time to reengage with his faith and see what this new church in town was all about. After visiting our campus several months ago, Anthony was welcomed into our community and now serves consistently on our tech team. He joined a Starting Point group, was baptized and continues to invite more of his friends who live in and around Minneapolis to join him at Wooddale each week. There are many others who came to our Loring Park Campus and found genuine community, active faith and transformed lives by following Jesus.

Community events at Loring Park were well-attended

Commissioning Service
325

Citizens & Saints Concert
371

Hope Academy Poetry Jam
225

Just Be Conference
170

Chips & Flix
160

Music Box Kidz
17 kids
15 volunteers



OBJECTIVE 4

Vision '22 | Wooddale Asia
The Timothy Initiative

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It was a great time of teaching at our West Bengal training. These men dearly love God and were thrilled to receive the new leadership training manual. Thank you, Wooddale, for supporting these training events.



Wooddale Asia 2016 The Timothy Initiative

	Develop Leaders	Train Church Planters	Plant New Churches
Goal FOR 2016	150	1000	750
Actual FOR 2016	100	3,644	945

4,725 New believers
across Asia



OBJECTIVE 5

Align ministries to the pathway toward spiritual maturity

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CONNECT



62,371 views online in 93 different countries

2,026 people use the new Wooddale app

840,633 reached through Facebook posts

17,174 likes and comments on @WooddaleChurch Instagram posts



Many of my neighbors are on my ADOPT 7 list and I started praying almost daily for them. For many years, I invited them to a Wooddale Christmas event. One woman accepted. A few months later, I was praying about the service part of ADOPT 7 and got the idea to bake Valentine cookies. The neighbor who came to the Christmas event seemed especially touched when I brought the cookies to her family. While I was serving one Sunday, guess who came into church—that same neighbor. Wow! Who would have thought cookies could be a way to make Christ known? **ADOPT 7**



@jjkidd tweeted:

WOW! Amazing message from @DaleHummel @wooddalechurch about understanding God in turbulent times. Badtimes//GoodGod.



GROW



236 people completed Starting Point

starting point

31 Student LifeGroups with **71** leaders and **512** students

73 Adult LifeGroups with **135** leaders and **587** members

240 currently attend Moms Connect

Moms
connect



SERVE



366 people served on short-term trips

85 Global Partners in **38** countries have reached **105,804** people with the Gospel

16,855 said **yes to Jesus** in 2016 through the efforts of our Global Partners worldwide

Thank you
to the countless
volunteers who serve.

540 people involved in Big Groups

1,076 people involved in **31** different Bible studies

1,187 children Birth - Grade 4 attended Woods Kids on Sunday mornings



1,078 students grades 5-12 attended Wednesday night programming

W / STUDENTS

999 children and students experienced a life-changing camp or retreat in 2016



OBJECTIVE 6

Complete Vision '22 building renovation

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Thank you for giving and praying generously to make our Vision '22 renovations a reality. We are looking forward to how God will use each of these new environments at our Eden Prairie Campus to grow our next generation of believers.

Our Children and Student Ministries are better equipped with engaging environments to keep families excited about learning more about Jesus, serving Him and being involved in a supportive community.

Lydia's Coffeehouse is a welcoming place to hang out with friends and enjoy the company of those in our neighborhood. We are so thankful for the opportunity to reach our community in this way.

Hundreds of people leave their prayers between the stones of the Prayer Wall, giving their concerns to our good and loving Father. Every weekday the staff of Wooddale joins together at the Prayer Wall to pray for our church family here, near and far.

Thank you—your giving matters!



f So, I'm headed to volunteer at school for the rest of the day and I think I should bring some lunch for our PTO president because I know she "lives" at school. As I'm driving to the grocery store, I'm trying to think of what I could get for lunch that she is sure to like WHEN IT HITS ME— LYDIA'S COBB SALAD! Because who wouldn't LOVE eating this?!? So, I turned right around and boy am I glad I did!



120 children said **yes to Jesus** in 2016

550 children heard the Gospel for the first time



As Wooddale explores the feasibility of a consolidated budget, we assembled a team of eight people from Wooddale to perform a study. The team connected with other churches throughout the US. Many of those churches completed our survey and the team evaluated the results. The consolidated budget team will

report their findings at the 2016 Annual Meeting. The team will also seek feedback from the congregation in a series of forums and meetings during April and May that will be used to make a final recommendation to the congregation at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

OBJECTIVE 7

Build a team to explore the feasibility of a consolidated budget

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Care and Compassion

The Care and Compassion Ministry is committed to living out the vision of breathing the presence of Jesus and the hope of the Gospel into the defining moments of people's lives.

210 people received care from our pastoral visitor team

16 weddings were performed

9,132 people heard the Gospel at 32 funerals

223 people involved in Celebrate Recovery

32 Stephen Ministers trained; 8 new in 2016

704 people came to the Job Transition Group for the first time

59 families helped financially through our People's Needs ministry



The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me."

Matthew 25:40

538 people in Aqaba, Jordan were given vouchers for food, clothing, medicine and education through our Syrian relief efforts

We also support the refugee resettlement efforts of Arrive Ministries, Baro Tutoring and World Relief.

**CELEBRATE
RECOVERY**

**Job Transition
Group**

Baptisms Here, Near and Far

2016 Baptisms | 3 campuses **142**

Global Partners baptized **4,619 people**



So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:26-27



West Bengal





THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

We are dedicated to developing our next generation of leaders. When leaders get together, leaders get better. And when leaders get better, everyone wins!



553 people attended at our Eden Prairie and Loring Park Campuses

77 volunteers served with excellence

Everyone has
INFLUENCE.

2017



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

August 10-11, 2017 | willowcreek.com/summit



WOODDALE ACADEMY



Wooddale Academy EDINA
Full Day Program
77% full with 49 children enrolled

Wooddale Academy EDEN PRAIRIE
Full Day Program
88% full with 70 children enrolled
Half Day Program
94% full with 143 children enrolled

Dani and our entire family have enjoyed seeing ALL the friendly faces and warm hearts of everyone at Wooddale Academy. The growth we have seen in Dani as she gained a new perspective (at 5 years old) on how much of an impact others can have in her life is amazing. She has learned more about her own heart and what Jesus has done for her.

I cannot thank each of you enough for the values that have been instilled in her in the last year. I strongly encourage parents to look at Wooddale Academy as a place for their children. - **Wooddale Academy Parent**



For additional information,
please refer to the Financial & Decision
Supplement or visit **wooddale.org/give**

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Looking Forward 2017

VERSE

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

Matthew 4: 19

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that Wooddale would follow Jesus, be changed by Jesus and pursue His mission with passion.

2017 CHURCH-WIDE OBJECTIVES

Here Establish a simple but effective discipleship process, which engages all Wooddalers across all campuses and ministries.

Near Identify a fourth site and recruit the new campus pastor.

Far Plant 750 new churches by September 2017.

and Communicate to the broader congregation and educate them about the consolidated budget recommendation.



Thank you for being a part of what God is doing through Wooddale Church!

EDEN PRAIRIE CAMPUS

6630 Shady Oak Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

EDINA CAMPUS

5532 Wooddale Avenue S.
Edina, MN 55424

LORING PARK CAMPUS @ THE MUSIC BOX THEATRE

1407 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55403

EDEN PRAIRIE CAMPUS SERVICES

Saturday

5:15 pm

Sunday

8:30 am **TRADITIONAL**
9:45, 11 am and 6 pm

EDINA CAMPUS SERVICES

Sunday

9 and 10:30 am

LORING PARK CAMPUS @ THE MUSIC BOX THEATRE SERVICES

Sunday

10 am

Online Viewing of Saturday pm and Sunday am
Eden Prairie Campus Services | wooddale.org/live